

## ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: U.S. Agricultural Policy Review, 2024

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report is the 2024 edition of the annual U.S. Agricultural Policy Review series documenting developments in U.S. Federal policies related to production agriculture, agrofood value chains, and food and nutrition assistance. In 2024, most provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill (the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Public Law 115-224) were extended through 2025 as part of the American Relief Act, 2025 (ARA; Public Law 118-158). Developments specific to production agriculture included the authorization of ad hoc assistance in response to volatile weather and economic circumstances, expansion in coverage under existing commodity programs, the launch of a new water conservation program, changes to agricultural credit, expansions in product offerings under the Federal Crop Insurance Program, new rules on production of organic mushrooms and pet food, and the rollout of two new temporary programs for organics. In the realm of agrofood value chains, developments focused on improving supply chain efficiency and food safety. For food and nutrition assistance, 2024 marked the first full year of operations for all food and nutrition assistance programs following the expiration of pandemic-related expansions and flexibilities, and also saw the launch of the new Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (EBT) program, also called Summer EBT or SUN Bucks.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 9/18/2025 Completed:

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

